

## ESCYPAA Advisory Meeting Minutes | 4/24/2023

**Start time: 8:pm**

Carolyn does intro

CORI brought us in with the Serenity Prayer at 8:33pm

**Attendance:** Carolyn D, Bobby H, Kayla G, Dean G, Stephen R, Alex S, Ryan K, Cori P, Zach H, Roger R

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### **REPORTS:**

**Chair:** I wanted to extend my deepest gratitude and congratulate you all on such an incredible and successful Midyear event! I am so proud of what we came together and accomplished this year. To everyone who helped out on adhoc calls, shopped, coordinated and outreached, you really made this weekend happen for us all, especially the newcomer and our Host committee. Special thanks to our prayer and unity chair, Erin you are amazing!

Tomorrow we will be debriefing our meetings with the committees & Host. Please let me know if you have anything to add for new business.

As always, if you cannot make our meeting please let me know directly.

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**Alt-Chair:** This past weekend was an excellent time and I am super grateful to have spent the weekend with you all. Jeff, Jamie, Adam, and Alex you were all missed. I feel like our goal of spending time with host and bids as fellow drunks was a major success. Everyone in attendance seemed to have an excellent time and several said that they hope we do it again and add friday as well. Thank you everyone for all of the hard work they put into this; special shout out to Erin for taking on this responsibility and to Zach for cooking and letting his campsite be home base for us. I sent a new email to the accountant my area uses and have hopes that I will hear back from him soon. I am no longer on any of our bank accounts! Yeah! lol. Stephen was able to remove me from the accounts and be made an authorized representative of our Chase accounts. Stephen and Todd ran into issues with their cards this past week, so I'm sure Stephen will have some

more details on that and possible resolutions to said issue. I will be going to the Host event this coming weekend and am also figuring out the logistics of also going to the WORCYPAA campout for the day that Saturday. Look forward to seeing your faces again tonight.

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**Treasurer:**

The following is a snapshot of Chase accounts:

Advisory account	\$5247.04
Host 9 account	\$8819.93
Host 10 account	\$2750.00

The change in Advisory account from \$5717.50 in last report is from the Mid-Year purchases at Wal-Mart (\$200.52 and \$47.56) and Restaurant Depot (\$72.38) as well as a cash withdraw (\$150.00) for change at the Mid-Year Event.

Mid-Year breakdown:

Collected \$382.00 in cash	collected \$213.00 in PayPal (\$207.81 after fees)
- 8 overnight camping \$160	- 8 overnight camping \$160
- 15 Day passes \$150	- 4 day passes \$40
- 3 single Red Bull \$9	- 1 single Red Bull \$3
- 11 two for 5 Red Bull \$55	- 2 two for 5 Red Bull \$10
- 1 cash donation \$8	

Spent \$582.96 (Campsites \$262.50, food and supplies \$320.46)

Income \$589.80 (\$382 cash, \$207.81 PayPal)

Net Profit = \$6.84

I will be depositing \$532.00 cash (\$382 collected and \$150 change withdraw) into bank by next report.

I will be transferring \$207.81 from PayPal into bank account by next report. I went to bank and straightened out all the authorized representatives (Myself and

Carolyn) and kept Todd D. as a signer; Cindy D. is pre-approved as a signer but needs to go into a branch to make her an official signer. I spoke to her this weekend about it.

I still have some work to do with the bank as I found out my card is inactive; incidentally, so is Todd's! I will be calling the bank later this week to straighten it out hopefully. I think it may have been from the fraud alert generated by the Hotel attempting to withdraw money, but who knows??

The Host 9 account was reimbursed three \$1000 payments as well as one \$3000 payment! Once I straighten out the card situation I will contact Todd so he can alert the Hotel of their mistake!

Motion to approve by Zach and seconded by Jeff

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### **Secretary:**

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**Hotel:** Disney Hollywood Studios was amazing today.

Payment due dates are as follows incase someone missed it in discord last week.

Oncenter Payment due date is August 11, 2023

Crowne Plaza due date for payment is August 31, 2023.

We need to get hotel rooms booked as there is no deposit required.

I'm hopeful due dates and attrition of 80% was discussed since I couldn't be at Mid year. If it wasn't that's ok.

Missed you all this weekend. I will see all your lovely faces soon. I am going to try and get on the call tonight. If I don't as you all know I'm on vacatiOK.

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**Archivist:** Hey guys hope the midyear was awesome! Sad I was unable to get off for it.

Archives are still safe and dry I swear. See you guys tonight.

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### **Bid City Liaisons**

**HVYPAA:** HVYPAA Liaison here,

Super grateful for the weekend and the opportunity to connect with everyone!!

Nothing new to report as we heard from HVYPAA yesterday, I do plan on helping looking into this Resorts World Casino option and reconvene with Evan hopefully this week. Much love looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

**CRAYPAA:** I had the absolute most wonderful time with you all this weekend. As per CRAYPAA I will be on they're business meeting this week. I plan to be prepared with some feedback and suggestions mostly regarding events abcs unity. I can't wait to debrief with you all. A few of these bid committees really got me fired up for ESCYPAA X!!

I have a Host budget and Committee ledger template I'd like to present to the committee as tools we can offer or NYS Committees. The more useful we can be the better is my thought process.

**ROCYPAA:** \*insert Dean's report as he is "obviously" the ROCYPAA liaison\*



This weekend was amazing and I'm super glad to have had the opportunity to make it up. Nothing new to report other than what was said during the meetings.

**SYRYPAA:** The camp out was so nice and it was great to see you all in person. SYRYPAA is struggling, they have an event planned for 6/17 but their last meeting was canceled due to the key holder not showing up. They still only have like 3 active members and they are struggling to find interest in new membership I'm hoping that this event will bring on some new membership before they lose motivation (which seems to be starting already). I have also encouraged them to do outreach for escypaa host.

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**Past Host Liaison:** Traditional Tie-Dye:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/617245306327>

**Non Bid City Liaison:** Nothing new to report with non-bid cities at this time.

## **HOST NEWS:**

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**Outreach:** Had fomo seeing the smiles and good times had at Mid-Year Campout.

We are gearing up for a week of Disney!!!

As for Outreach, I attended the Event in Elmira Heights last Sunday with Host. It was an honor to sit on a panel with a gentleman with 61 years of sobriety!! I also met a couple with 47 years sober that were on the ad hoc to start Pennscypaa!! It was a great Ask.it Basket Panel with 3 Old Timers & 3 Ypaa.(Meg A from host & Shane H from Rocypaa).

They did an excellent job & I was super proud of them.

Loom forward to hearing how mid-year went.

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## **Prayer & Unity Chair:**

Not feeling <sup>100</sup> But I had an awesome time at the campout. I think it was a great turnout!

I set up accountability buddies. Host picked advisory members names out of a hat.

Below are the partners 😊

Stephen- Jen

Kayla- Jeff

Patrick- Alex

Joelle -Jamie

Justin - Dean

Taylor - Erin

Jeremy- Carolyn

Todd- Bobby

Megan - Ryan

Margo Cori

Cindy- Danielle

Paul- Roger

Liz -Kayla

Peter- Zach

Shelly- Adam

Joelle is going to let me know when host is generally available for unity zoom nights to play games. See you all in a little bit.

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**Web Chair:** Web Chair: Minor updates to layout to make Bid Requirements more accessible. Continue to let all state committees know about our interactive events calendar, flyers can be uploaded directly!!

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**Step Four:** Tabled until next meeting but Bobby and Carolyn never asked anyone to do it, so maybe not lol

**Tradition Four:** Tabled until next meeting but Bobby and Carolyn never asked anyone to do it, so maybe not lol

**Concept Four:** Tabled until next meeting but Bobby and Carolyn never asked anyone to do it, so maybe not lol

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### **Business:**

#### **Discussion on CRAYPAA**

Kayla: If the day that people are most available is sunday, why not have business meeting on sunday? I want to see them doing actual service work.

Zach: They are still struggling with events.

Erin: We voiced struggles with ideas for unity events and getting people together.

Jeff: Why don't they do meeting bombs and travel together to the Hudson Valley, Binghamton, Rochester.

Kayla: What are they doing to make themselves look attractive?

Ryan: We were in their area and only 4 of them were there. That's not good.

#### **Discussion on HVYPAA**

Kayla: Excited for the idea of a camping ESCYPAA. They had a successful event cohosted with a local YP meeting at the regular meeting time. They are making HVYPAA attractive.

Bobby: HVYPAA has stepped up their game on unity and are operating as a team. This is how I want CRAYPAA to be operating. Campground contracts might be their most viable option and they should focus on that.

Zach: "I love Camping!"

Dean: They need to be focusing on the bid in their main business meeting.

Everyone should be working on it together.

Jeff: Give everyone a job for the bid book and make sure people are doing their job.

#### **Discussion on ROCYPAA**

Ryan: some seasoned vets and fresh faces. They were asking the right questions about what they needed to do for the bid. I was impressed.

Cori: Potential ego issues, but they do have the experience.

Jeff: ROCYPAA is showing up at every host event. They are very involved in general service as well.

Zach: Ego could be a problem, but they seem to function well as a committee. They are doing great.

Erin: Ego concerns as well, but that kind of comes with the territory. Coming together and show up.

Bobby: we have seen the good unity the last time they bid, but it didn't carry over to their host year. Will it be more of the same or have they learned from that experience.

Stephen: New membership is an issue. They are attracting people to their events, but not to their business meetings to do service. They have made merch previously, but aren't producing it at their events.

Kayla: They put a token bid in at the last conference, but haven't done anything for the bid so far. Focused on events, but maybe they need to focus on more regular service work.

### **Discussion on Host**

Bobby: Individuals need to write inventory, because unity is the key problem. People are holding onto resentments and it is affecting their effectiveness.

Jeff: Still struggling with interactions with the host Outreach chair. Doesn't know what to do at this point.

Carolyn: Their participation as individuals is not great. Need to focus on helping the Program and Outreach chairs.

Zach: Disappointed in having to see Meg hurting so much as a result of not receiving help. Hope they will change their mind on their social media presence. SYRYPAA could use support and I would like to see host help. They should be moving away from Cortland and focus on outreaching in Syracuse where they are actually hosting the conference.

Kayla: As an individual who drilled advisory about coming to events, I get how difficult it is to do that. It is a major financial expense to get to all of these events. Going to set up a spreadsheet for organizing panelists and moderators. Patrick is not happy at all. A lot of built in resentments and untreated alcoholism. Regular meeting bombs has been a great thing. They should fellowship with the people after the meetings and then try to get them to prereg.

Erin/Adam: we should suggest a group inventory!

Erin: they need to stop having all of their events in Cortland where they aren't being supported. Try hosting events in other areas, where they might get more support.

Zach: concerned they are going to fall apart post conference.

Ryan: They should really be getting into the Syracuse area. They need to be stepping their game up on registrations.

Alex: We used to have check ins once a month and really get to know what's going on with one another.

Stephen: Similar concerns with registrations as Ryan. Seems to be a lot of discontent among the members. Concerns on how Todd talks about handling money. They need a group inventory.

Carolyn closes the meeting at 10:15

Erin leads us with the Responsibility Statement